

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Life's Common Things.

Things of every day are all so sweet,
The morning meadows wet with dew,
The dance of daisies in the noon, the blue
Of far-off hills where twilight shadows lie,
The light with all its tender mystery
Of sound, and God's starry sky!
Oh, life—the whole life—is far too fleet.
The things of every day are all so sweet.

The common things of life are all so dear—
The waking in the warm half gloom,
To find again the old familiar room,
The scents and sights and sounds that
Never tire,
The homely work, the plans, the lit of
baby's laugh,
The crackle of the fire,
The waiting, then the footsteps coming
near,
The opening door, your hand-clasp and
your kiss,
Is heaven not, after all, the Now and
Here,
The common things of life are all so
dear?

—Alice E. Allen.

Miles—Bell.

The Baltimore Sun of yesterday contains the following account of the marriage of a Virginia girl, which will be of interest to people throughout the State:
At the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. Robert H. Bell, No. 204 Payson Street, Miss Anna L. Bell, of Bedford City, Va., was married to Mr. William S. Miles, of Washington, yesterday afternoon. Miss Anna played the "Lohengrin" wedding march, and the bride and groom entered the parlor unattended. They were met by Rev. H. Randall Lookbill, pastor of Fulton Avenue Christian Church, who performed the ceremony. A short reception followed and the bride and groom left for Washington where they will make their home.

Among the out-of-town guests were Miss Watson, of Roanoke, Va.; Mr. Harry Bell, of Union Bridge, Va.; and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miles.

Miss Baughman Engaged.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Mary Katherine Baughman, daughter of Mrs. S. F. Baughman, of Berryville, Va., to Mr. Joseph A. Lutz, formerly of Loudoun county, Va., but now successfully located as a business man in Washington, D. C. Miss Baughman is one of the prettiest and most popular young girls in Berryville.

Euchre Party.

The Jefferson Park Hotel, near Charlottesville, Va., was the scene Wednesday evening of a very pretty euchre party given to the guests of the hotel and their friends.

Four tables were engaged in the contest, prizes falling to Miss Peek, of Hampton, Va., and Mr. E. H. Offley, of Charlottesville. Mrs. William Hodge Wilson, of New Orleans, was consoled.

Fruit punch was served throughout the evening. Among the guests present were Mrs. F. T. Boykin, Mrs. R. H. Norment, Mr. and Mrs. William Hodge Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Martin, Mrs. V. K. Howe, Mrs. Udotholp Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Offley, Miss Elsie Boykin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Boykin, and Mrs. Belle McKnight.

Keswick Club Play.

A play entitled "The Snob's Stag Party" will be given this evening under the auspices of the Keswick Hunt Club, with the following cast:
"Snobson," Mr. Joseph Everett; "Clarence," Mr. Byrd Page; "Snowball," Mr. Robert Jackson; "Dinklespiel," Dr. Thurman; "Doolan," Mr. J. M. Foyner; "Money," Mr. J. M. Allen; "Mrs. Chickenslayer," Mr. John Sawyer; "Mrs. Bridget Moriarty," Mr. S. M. Caves; "Scraper," Mr. Robbins; "Heavyweight," Dr. Thurman.

Excursion to the Gap.

Arrangements have been made by the board of managers of the Retreat for the sick for a moonlight excursion to be given Tuesday evening, July 17th. The steamer Pocahontas has been secured, and will leave the wharf at 8 o'clock. Excellent music for dancing and refreshments will add much to the pleasure of the occasion.

Tickets may be obtained from the committee on arrangements, of which Mrs. M. C. Gentry is chairman, and the following ladies are members: Mrs. W. S. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Foyner, Mrs. W. H. Miller, Mrs. J. J. Blount, Mrs. J. A. Griggs, Mrs. H. New, and Miss Mary Norwood.
The Church Hill Auxiliary has recently spent over a thousand dollars in improvements at the hospital, it perfectly appointed room for the use of the X-ray and other electrical experiments have been added to the equipment, as well as six new porcelain bath-tubs and other improvements.

The regular board has thoroughly renovated the halls and parlors by new papering, carpets and painting, at a cost of nearly three hundred dollars.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. W. H. Cheatham and children and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morris, of No. 2300 Third Avenue, are spending the summer in Louisville, Ky., where they are visiting Mrs. Cheatham's daughter, Mrs. C. H. Hamilton. Before returning home in the early fall they will spend a short time in New Albany, Indiana. They will

Poems You Ought to Know

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

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RELUCTANCE TO PART

(From "Romeo and Juliet.")

By WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

Juliet.—Will't thou be gone? It is not yet near day.
It was the nightingale, and not the lark,
That pierc'd the fearful hollow of thine ear;
Nightly she sings on yon pomgranate tree:
Believe me, love, it was the nightingale.

Romeo.—It was the lark, the herald of the morn,
No nightingale; look, love, what envious streaks
Do lace the severing clouds in yonder east;
Night's candles are burnt out, and jocund day
Stands tip-toe on the misty mountain tops:
I must be gone and live, or stay and die.

Juliet.—Yon light is not daylight, I know it, I:
It is some meteor that the sun exhales,
To be to thee this night a torch-bearing,
And light thee on thy way to Mantua;
Therefore stay yet, thou need'st not to be gone.

Romeo.—Let me be ta'en, let me be put to death:
I am content, so thou wilt have it so.
I'll say, yon gray is not the morning's eye,
'Tis but the pale reflex of Cynthia's brow;
Nor that is not the lark, whose notes do beat
The vaulty heaven so high above our heads:

I have more care to stay than will to go;
Come, death, and welcome! Juliet wills it so.—
How late! my soul! let's talk, it is not day.
Juliet.—It is, it is, life hence be gone, away;
It is the lark that sings so out of tune,
Straining harsh discords, and unpleasant sharps.
Some say, the lark makes sweet division;
This doth not so, for she doth divide us;
Some say, the lark and loathed doth change eyes;
O, now I would they had chang'd voices too!
Since arm from arm that voice doth us affray,
Hunting these harts with harts-up to the day,
O, now be gone; more light and light it grows.

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he accompanied home by Mrs. Hamilton, who will visit her mother here.

Miss Frances Houston has returned to her home in Keyville, after visiting her sister, Miss Elizabeth Houston, who is ill at Memorial Hospital.

Miss Nora Walker, of Rocky Mount, N. C., is the guest of Miss Gladys Nemo, at Buckroe Beach.

Misses Annie F. Smith and Gertrude F. Bowman have returned to the city, after spending a most delightful week with the Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Durham, of Wilmington, N. C.

Misses Alma and Lucy Mason have returned to their home in Charlotte county, after six months' stay in Richmond.

The Rev. Robert W. Forsythe has returned from a stay at Sea Girt, New Jersey.

Mrs. E. M. Cunningham, of Berryville, Va., is the guest of her parents in this city.

Mr. F. H. Pace was recently registered at the Kavanagh, in Harrisonburg.

Mrs. C. Moore, of this city, is at Loch Sheldrake, N. Y., and was one of the guests at a charming progressive euchre party given at the Buckley House recently.

Dr. Thomas W. Murrell, of this city, has returned from a ten days' stay at Virginia Beach.

Miss Thilo Jane Jennings is visiting the Misses Bowers at their country home, "The Ferry," in King William county.

Dr. and Mrs. William Heth Whitsett and Miss Mary Whitsett are spending a week at Middlethorpe, Va. Miss Whitsett's health has greatly improved since going to the country.

Messrs. Mason White, William Bowman and Otto Gregory, of Richmond; Henry Jackson, of Keswick, and Zack Lewis, of Scottsville, spent several days last week with friends in King William county.

Mrs. Albert Bruce has returned from a two weeks' visit to Merry Oaks, Charlotte county.

Miss Rosa Patterson, of Richmond, is ill at the home of her father, in Charlottesville.

Miss Fannie Fore is expected home in a few days, after spending some time as the guest of friends in Oakville, Va.

Mr. Thomas N. Carter is the guest of Mr. Peter H. Mayo, at "Pownatan," his country home, in Clarke county.

Mrs. Charles Phillips has returned to Richmond, after a visit to Mrs. C. A. Hunt, in Keyville.

Mrs. Peter C. Warwick, Jr., and son, of Norfolk, will arrive Saturday, to be the guests of Mrs. Peter C. Warwick, near Richmond.

Mrs. Marsee and the Misses Marsee have returned from a visit to Sea View Cottage, Virginia Beach.

Mrs. Benjamin Nash and Miss Mary Hatcher are now at Brunswick, Inn, Waynesboro, Va. They will go from the Inn to Allegany Hotel, Goshen, Va.

Miss Susie Wilson, of Lexington, Va., is the guest of Miss Bessie Hunter, at No. 215 East Franklin Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Miles are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Ward, at Winchester, Va.

Mrs. N. P. Gibson is spending some time at Jefferson Park Hotel.

Miss Katherine Taylor has returned from a three-weeks' trip to Norfolk and Buckroe Beach.

A reunion of the Myers family will be held in Lexington, Va., the latter part of the week.

Miss Inez Montague, of No. 11 1-2 South Third Street, is visiting relatives in Asheville, N. C. From that city she will go to join friends in the Saluda Mountains and at Lake Tokaway.

Mrs. H. H. Henley and little son, Herbert, of Staunton, have come to Richmond. John Mr. Henley, who was called to the city on account of the illness of his brother.

Mr. A. P. Brockman has returned to his home in Orange county, after spending some time in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowardin, of this city, are the guests of Lieutenant-Governor

DAVANT ON STAND FOR HIS COMPANY

Freight Traffic Manager, of N. & W. Tells of Rate-Making and of Rates.

THE COMMISSION TO ADJOURN

Will Take Recess Until July 23. Willard Absent on Account of Sickness in Family.

Freight Traffic Manager T. S. Davant, of the Norfolk and Western Railway, occupied the stand during all of yesterday before the Corporation Commission in the freight rate hearing, and he will not complete his testimony this week.

The commission will at the end of the afternoon session to-day adjourn until July 23d, and will then resume for one week, and not sit during the month of August.

There were two sessions yesterday, and there will be two to-day. Commissioner Willard did not sit yesterday, having been called to New York on account of the illness of Mrs. Willard.

Mr. Cooke examined the witness for his company during the morning session, and Mr. Braxton took hold of him in the afternoon.

"Do you think it practicable for your interstate business to be operated in Virginia under the proposed system, and outside under the Southern or official classification?" the witness was asked by Mr. Cooke.

"The business could be run only at a serious disadvantage, as the confusion of several systems would be a serious drawback."

"Are the present rates just, fair and reasonable charges for the services rendered by the road?"

"I do not consider them thoroughly just and fair, but I do consider them reasonably low."

With Mr. Braxton.

When the afternoon session convened, Mr. Braxton took Mr. Davant in hand and fired a volume of questions at him, concerning the rates, and the method of rate making on his road.

Rate sheets, classifications and all the other subjects relating to the department which is presided over by the witness were thoroughly sifted, and the witness was put through a severe cross-examination, embracing a perfect fusillade of questions.

"Is it not a fact?" asked Mr. Braxton, "that the main reason why your road changed to the official classification was to enable it to raise its rates?"

"That was one of the considerations, but not the only one."

Witness testified that at some points the company was operating under two classifications, and he admitted, in answer to a question, that matters would be simplified by having but one classification.

Asked if he was not using two classifications on his Durham line, and doing it voluntarily, witness said the first point of the proposition was true, but that it was not done voluntarily. He said he was impelled to do so because of account of the fact that competitive lines were doing the same thing.

"I ask you if it would not be very much simpler for the shipper to have to deal with one, rather than two classifications?"

"That is undoubtedly true."

Cause More Confusion.

Witness, however, thought the promulgation of the proposed Virginia classification would cause more confusion than clear.

He took for example a shipment from Abingdon, Va., to Johnson City, Tenn., where he said the Virginia classification would apply from Abingdon to Bristol, and the Southern classification from Bristol to Johnson City. He declared that the company was entitled to any legitimate combination of rates, and the Norfolk and Western always tried to give them the benefit of them.

Witness was questioned briefly by Commissioner Stuart, and was again taken in hand by Mr. Braxton. Mr. Braxton now tried to get the record some extracts from the classification and tariff rates proposed by the commission, and this caused something of a lull in the examination.

Resuming, the witness was asked many questions concerning the making up of the Southern and official classifications, respectively, but the subject appeared rather complicated to a layman.

Witness said within the past six years, there had been nine hundred and sixty-seven-four increases in classifications, showing that frequent changes take place.

He declared, in his judgment, that the rates of his roads are reasonably low, and said they were controlled largely by competition.

In answer to a question, he said the "reasonableness" of a rate was very much of an unknown quantity, and the term was therefore hard to define.

The commission at 5:30 o'clock took a recess until 11 o'clock this morning.

Hindered by Scarcity of Labor.

Bradstreet's to-morrow will say for Richmond and vicinity.

Manufacturers of smoking and chewing tobacco are doing an active business. Factories are working at full capacity and would do a larger business but for the scarcity of labor. The acreage of the tobacco crop will be as large this year as last, and dealers anticipate high prices during the coming year.

Retail trade is not active owing to the season of the year. Collections are fair.

Steel for Ashland Line Bridge.

Steel for the bridge at Lakeside and Chickahominy River for the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Railroad is being handled, and work will begin at once upon the construction of the bridge. The steel for the Chickahominy bridge is very heavy. The bad roads have caused delay in the work.

Work of laying the rails for the line will begin at Lakeside and will proceed to Richmond. Officials of the road hope to have the line open by October 15th.

Mad Dog Excites Fulton.

A bull terrier named Snuggles at every object in the park created considerable excitement in the neighborhood of Third and Denny Streets yesterday morning about 9 o'clock. The dog was finally killed by John Waymack, who had learned that Officer Goodman had given orders to all in the vicinity to shoot the dog on sight.

The dog attacked the Rev. Mr. Daugherty, the Apostolic Church, and the burned, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Samuels.

Many Babies Have Died.

Since June 1st of this year one hundred babies have died in Richmond. Fifty were white and fifty colored. Most of the babies were reported since the first of June. There have been only nine cases of typhoid fever in the city, and this is thought to be a remarkably small percentage.

Successful Tests.

The annual tests of the hose of the Richmond Fire Department were made yesterday, and the various lines were found to be in good condition. Only a few sections had to be discarded because of leakage.

FARMER EARNS NEW LANGUAGE

When Justice John Said "Skiddoo" Countryman Didn't Recognize It.

FROM BALTIMORE, AND GOOD

One John Would Not Believe It, but Was Merciful—Other Cases.

Ex-Commonwealth's Attorney Alexander H. Sands, of Henrico county, was taught a lesson in Police Court yesterday morning. Justice John Jeter Crutchfield was the dean of the unwritten law school.

Mr. Sands appeared before the One John as the representative of one Kellam Tyler, who had been arrested upon a charge of throwing stones at the house of Minnie Stokes. The testimony was all brought before the court, and there were distinctly two sides to the controversy. The doubt was leaning over Tyler's side.

Mr. Sands rose to speak—to defend his client against an accusation that he believed to be "unfair." "Get out," said the Court, sotto voce, to the accused.

"May it please Your Honor," started Mr. Sands.

"Better shut up now, or I'll convict that man. The case has been decided, but I will hear you if you want to talk," spoke the One John.

"I have nothing further to say. I know when to keep silent. Your Honor's decision was eminently correct," quoth Mr. Sands.

Then came Frank Smith, a white man, who said that he really wanted to go to the moon for a brief trip.

"Not at this time of the year, Franklin," said His Honor, "I can't get away from here, and it is certain that you will remain with me for ten days. Mr. Robbins you can escort the gentleman to the pen."

Charles Cooke, a farmer, came to sell Monday Wednesday and started out to sell his vegetables at the market. He had a horse and a cart when he landed here, but at a late hour in the night he had—only a jag. He was found asleep and taken to the station house.

"If I get sent to jail I'll never find that horse and cart er mine," said the farmer.

New Language for Him.

"Then take the twenty-three at once," ordered the One John.

"Huh!" ejaculated Charles.

"I said Skiddoo" plainly answered the Court.

"But I would like to get my horse and cart," put in the man, looking puzzled because of the new words.

"You are dismissed; go and find your horse," bawled out the man on the high seat, and that was the last of the case.

"I've known you for forty years, John," said Mister Crutchfield when John Curry, a white man, trembling from the effects of the whiskey he had drunk the night before, bobbed up from the pen.

"Yes, sir, and I am going fast. I don't believe that I could be kept alive long enough to serve a jail sentence, therefore, won't you turn me out this morning, begged the man who had looked on the wine when it was red.

"Sorry for you, John, but I think I would be doing an act of injustice to allow you to depart. Remain with me sixty days and you will be a new man."

John was shown the way to the pen. James Harper, a white man, who spoke broken English, said that he had lived in Baltimore all his life, and that never before had been arrested. "That's a good record," said the court, "but I don't believe you are telling the truth. In the light of the fact, however, that I cannot prove you to be telling me a falsehood, I will dismiss the case."

Fannie Johnson was charged "bustin' Rosa Brown in de eyes." The women had fought out their little trouble, and each paid \$2.50 and the costs.

Birdie Jones, a negro woman who bought some furniture on the installment plan and didn't pay for it, said that she would return the goods, and this privilege was granted her.

Then Slave Goode, a white man, was charged with swiping a bedquilt from Mrs. Pat Overby, his landlady. Mrs. Overby said that she wouldn't have taken \$5 for the quilt. Goode said that he was drunk and didn't remember anything about it. He went to jail for thirty days.

Powers—Gatewood.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

OAK TREE, Va., July 12.—A marriage of considerable interest took place this afternoon in Newport News, Va., when Miss Ethel Belle Gatewood was led to the altar by Mr. Charles Spurgeon Powers.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gatewood, of Newport News, but formerly of Roano, Va., and is universally loved for her beautiful character and sweet ways.

The groom is a young mercantile man of Magruder, Va., and is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for Washington, D. C., and, after a short stay there, will return via Richmond to visit the mother of the groom.

Synon—McNally.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, Va., July 12.—A very pretty wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at Sacred Heart Chapel, when Miss Martha Denver McNally was married to Mr. Thomas H. Synon, formerly of Norfolk, now residing in Tampa, Fla. The ceremony, which was performed at 4 o'clock by the Rev. Richard A. Drake, was witnessed only by a few intimate friends of the bride and groom. After the ceremony dinner was served at the Monticello, and at 8:30 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Synon left for Tampa, where they will reside.

Gravatt—Epes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLAIR, Va., July 12.—Miss Blavie Dupuy Epes and Mr. W. Montague Gravatt were quietly married here this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the family of the contracting parties were present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. O. Boggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Gravatt left on the evening Norfolk and Western train for Bowling Green, Va., the former home of the groom.

Picarbot—Wood.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, Va., July 12.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward, last night, Mr. Edward J. Picarbot and Miss Lydia M. Wood, both of Chesapeake, were married, Rev. P. H. Choir officiating.

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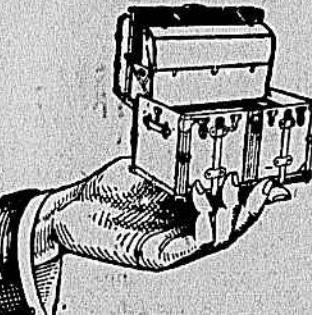
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